Space Weather Forecast

Issued on Sunday, 26 June 2022 at 01:24 Local

This forecast provides a four day assessment of space weather events. The probabilities stated below are for reaching or exceeding the given levels. For more information about space weather impacts please see the Met Office Space Weather Scales https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/learn-about/space-weather/uk-scales

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Space Weather Forecast Headline: Chance of G1/Minor Geomagnetic storm early day 1 (26th).

Analysis of Space Weather Activity over past 24 hours

Solar Activity: Solar activity has remained Low over the past 24 hours, with only one small Common-class flare. There are two sunspot regions on the disc, with the largest region in the northwest. A filament (line of material held together by the Sun's magnetic field) was seen to lift off on the 24 June, with a weak coronal mass ejection. This has been assessed as missing, with a slight chance of an Earth-directed component, although confidence is very Low.

Solar Wind / Geomagnetic Activity: The solar wind speed was slightly elevated, around 400-450km/s, increasing to near 500km/s at 25/1950UTC, with the arrival of a fast wind from a coronal hole. The total magnetic field strength was initially weak but increased at 25/0830 UTC to be moderate, before climbing further by the end of the period. The north-south component was mainly negative for much of the period, but became variable after 25/0800 UTC, but also strengthened slightly by end of the period. The resulting geomagnetic activity was Quiet to Unsettled (Kp 1-3), with an Active (Kp4) interval observed at 25/1800-2100UTC.

Energetic Particles / Solar Radiation: The count rate of energetic particles (high energy protons) remained at background with no solar radiation storms occurring.

Four-Day Space Weather Forecast Summary

Solar Activity: Solar activity is likely to be Low to very Low, with only a slight chance of increasing to Moderate with any flares that occur.

Solar Wind / Geomagnetic Activity: The CME from the 24th is expected to miss, passing just ahead, but may give a glancing blow early on day 4 (28th). Solar winds are expected to become elevated day 1 and then persist at this level due to fast wind enhancements from various coronal holes. Geomagnetic activity is likely to increase from initially Quiet to Unsettled to Active, with a chance of G1/Minor Storms on early on day 1 (26th). Easing to Quiet with Unsettled spells with a slight chance of Active intervals thereafter.

Energetic Particles / Solar Radiation: The count rate of energetic particles (high energy protons) is forecast to persist at background with no solar radiation storms occurring.

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Geomagnetic Storms:

Geo-Magnetic Storm Probability (Exceedance)	Level	Past 24 Hours (Yes/No)	Day 1 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC) (%)
Minor or Moderate	G1 to G2	No	40	5	5	5
Strong	G3	No	1	1	1	1
Severe	G4	No	1	1	1	1
Extreme	G5	No	1	1	1	1

Radio Blackouts - X Ray Flares:

X Ray Flares Probability	Level	Past 24 Hours (Yes/No)	Day 1 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC) (%)
Active	R1-R2 M Class	No	10	10	5	5
Very Active	R3 to R5 X	No	1	1	1	1

Solar Radiation Storms - (High Energy Protons):

Radiation Storms Probability (Exceedance)	Level (cm^{-2} sr^{-1} s^{-1})	Past 24 Hours (Yes/No)	Day 1 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC) (%)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC) (%)
Active	≥ S1	No	2	2	1	1
Very Active	≥ S3 *	No	1	1	1	1

* S3 ≥ 10 MeV ≥ 1000 pfu and / or ≥ 50 MeV ≥ 10 pfu. (pfu = $cm^{-2}sr^{-1}s^{-1}$)

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